



**Meeting at SCHS Multi-media Room
Tuesday, September 10, 2019 @ 7:30 PM**

1. President Dale Rumberger called the meeting to order at 7:35 PM.
2. Administrative Matters and Officers’ reports
 - Minutes – Cathy Bonnefil. Dale Rumberger asked if anyone had corrections for the July minutes as posted on the SCF web site. Since there were no comments, the minutes were approved as written.
 - Treasurer’s Report – Larry Clark provided the following account balances:

Sun Trust Checking:	\$1,526.99
TIAA CREF Money Market:	\$6,629.90
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Total funding:	\$8,156.80

- Remembering Irma Clifton - Dale called for a moment of silence in honor of Irma Clifton, who dedicated her life to the betterment of the Lorton community, and especially to conserving its history. Described as “a Workhouse Angel” by Workhouse President and CEO, Ava Spece, a plaque honoring Irma will be placed on Building 16 and unveiled at the Workhouse on Sept 22nd between 4-6 PM.

A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, September 16 at Covenant Funeral Service Chapel Fredericksburg chapel. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts may be made to the Workhouse Arts Center <http://www.workhousearts.org/give>; or the Stafford County Historical Society <https://staffordhistorical.org/donate-schs>.



- South Fairfax Chamber of Commerce Report (SFCC) – Casey Whitmarsh highlighted several events supported by the Chamber:
 - Sept 29 – Fall for LCAC -Save the date! The *Fall for LCAC* event will be an opportunity for you to help stock the LCAC Food Pantry and to have a wonderful afternoon of fun with your fellow neighbors, friends or your family. This family-friendly event will be held from 1-3 p.m. at the LCAC Food Pantry (9518 Richmond Highway).
 - Sept 23rd - Brain Injury Services 16th Annual Charity Golf and Dinner Event - Brain Injury Services **15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament** will help raise critical funds to support Brain Injury Services’ core programs that serve over 600 individuals, veterans, children and families in Northern Virginia annually. The 16th Annual Golf Tournament will take place on Monday, Sept. 23, at the Country Club of Fairfax (5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030).
 - Oct 2nd - Good Shepherd Housing annual Golf Outing at the Old Hickory Golf Club in Woodbridge. Starting at 11 AM, this is a great opportunity to join other socially conscious business leaders in the Washington Metropolitan area – and have fun while you’re doing it.
 - Sept 14th -Workhouse Brewfest - The fourth annual Workhouse Brewfest will be from noon-8 p.m., with more than 30 Virginia craft breweries, artisan distilleries and Virginia wineries on tap. Brewfest will also feature live performances, food trucks and access to art galleries and 65 artist studios. More information about Brewfest can be found on the event website.
 - Sept 19th - Thirsty Thursday at Cedar Knoll - Members and non-members are invited to participate in a one-of-a-kind networking and happy hour event at Cedar Knoll, a historic restaurant with sweeping views of the Potomac. The Thirsty Thursday event will feature a mobile axe-throwing range! There is no cost for the axe throwing!



- Membership Drive is underway to give the SFCC currency for the future.

3. Supervisors' Reports.

- **Springfield District Supervisor Pat Herrity** was not present
- **Mount Vernon District Supervisor Dan Storck** had several important topics to address:
 - Site Specific Plan Amendment (SSPA) Process

“Mount Vernon District is eligible in the process this year! Applications opened on September 3 and will close in December. This is a process formerly known as APR where anyone can submit an application for a rezoning or plan amendment, and it will be reviewed by a task force and submitted to the planning commission. The task force will begin meetings in early 2020, so we will begin assembling that group around November. The main difference between SSPA and APR is the screening period at the beginning of SSPA, which is meant to make the process more efficient.

There are many sites in Lorton (e.g. Laurel Hill and the Former Prison Site) that went through the old SSPA process (APR) and are examples of how this process can be successful.

For more information on the SSPA process or the Comprehensive Plan amendments, visit the South County SSPA webpage or contact Anna Smith, Development and Land Use Aide, or Megan Van Dam Chief, Policy and Planning, Development Branch Planning Division. To get the latest on land use, follow the Fairfax County Land Use Planning page on Facebook.



Q&A – In response to several questions from Dale Rumberger and Larry Clark regarding the application process, Anna Smith clarified that an individual or group can submit as many applications as they want to. In addition, she said that the SSPA process and Lorton Visioning 2040 are completely separate processes with no overlap. She closed by encouraging anyone to “Call me if you need help.”

Dale Rumberger requested that Anna Smith and Megan Van Dam attend the October SCF meeting to better answer questions about the SSPA process.

- Lorton Visioning 2040 (County Strategic Plan) – “Our Steering Committee has been working on a survey and community meeting to get community input on the future of Lorton. There is a survey that is “live” so please take it! The link at <https://tinyurl.com/Lorton2040> , is included below:



The survey is meant to gather initial feedback from the community and will begin to inform our plans for the future of Lorton and the South County Area. Help shape the future of Fairfax County! What does the future of the County look like to you? We’re planning for the next 10-20 years of our community and we need to hear from you! What does your neighborhood look like in the future? Parks, libraries and other cultural opportunities? Our local environment? Transportation, including roads, bikes and mass transit? Join us at an upcoming community meeting where you’ll learn more about progress on this first-ever countywide strategic plan. The closest ones will be on Monday, Sept. 16, 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Lake Braddock



Secondary School in Burke; or on Monday, Sept. 23, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at Gum Springs Community Center in Alexandria.”

- Lorton Central Green – “Construction has begun on the Laurel Hill Central Green Project. It will include picnic pavilions and trails, as well as necessary stormwater management facilities. Anticipated completion is spring 2020.” Note: *Also see Kelly Davis’ update in paragraph 5 under Environmental and Parks.*
- Lieber Gate Opened – The Ft. Belvoir gate is now opened and operational! Check the hours for the other gates because they have changed. Walker Gate is closed for construction and Tulley Gate is now open 6am – 9pm on weekdays.
- WMATA has announced that the Metro is operating again as of yesterday.
- Bus Rapid Transit Meeting Sept 17, 6:30 – 8:30PM at Bryant High School (gym), FCDOT will hold a Public Information meeting to provide information about the system design and potential property impacts. The meeting will include an open house and a presentation.
- Events
 - Workhouse Mural and Project Art Festival was last month and the murals are still up (I believe) so it is a great opportunity to check them out!
 - Tour de Mount Vernon - “Join me for the 4th Annual Tour *de* Mount Vernon Community Bike Ride on Saturday October 19, 2019, at 8:30 a.m., starting and ending at the Workhouse Arts Center. There are some great places to visit or take Instagram photos, including Fort Belvoir (riding 5 miles on base!!), Workhouse Arts Center, Occoquan Regional Park, Gunston Hall, and Pohick Bay Regional Park”



4. Legislative Updates –

- **Congressman Gerald Connolly**, 11th District, was represented by Marlon Dubuisson, the Prince William County (PWC) Outreach Representative. He highlighted a few of Connolly's current activities.
 - Coal Ash - Before recess, Congressman Connolly and several other Congressmen sent a letter regarding coal ash to the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Andrew Wheeler, regarding an EPA proposal to continue to weaken safeguards for coal ash piles. The letter, which was signed by more than 27 Members of Congress, expresses concerns regarding unsafe coal ash disposal. This letter urges the EPA to immediately refrain from efforts to roll back the Coal Ash rule and instead make good on its promise to expeditiously complete new rulemakings that would strengthen the rule, as required by the D.C. Circuit Court.
 - Robocalls - The House has overwhelmingly passed a bill on robocalls which probably will be passed by the Senate. Under the "Stopping Bad Robocalls Act," robocalling operations will face tougher penalties for offenses, allowing the FCC to fine them \$10,000 per violation. This means that carriers have to make sure that calls are authentic, and that robocalling operations may face steep fines given the number of robocalls being made in a year.
 - Senior Issues - Mr. Connolly is planning a Senior Issues Forum in Woodbridge. The venue will be Westminster at Lake Ridge, in the Potomac Room on October 3rd from 3-4:30 pm. An informative panel discussion on the future of Social Security and Medicare will include representatives from the Social Security Administration, AARP, the Prince William Area Agency on Aging, and the Certified Financial Planners Foundation.



- **Kathy Tran, State Delegate 42nd District**, was represented by Rodrigo Velasquez, her Senior Legislative Aide.
 - Traffic Backup at Silverbrook Rd SB and Lorton Rd - After a request by Delegate Tran, VDOT has adjusted the timing at this intersection. Changing the light has helped traffic flow a bit. We have asked VDOT to keep us updated. A survey is under way and VDOT projects early 2021 for construction advertisement, and construction completion in 2022.
 - Energy Issue – Kathy Tran was one of many delegates who signed a letter opposing Dominion’s request to have a higher profit margin

5. Committee Reports

- **Transportation**, Dale Johnson, Chair
 - Lorton Road and Silverbrook Rd Intersection Improvement Study. “The 2040 Long Range Corridor Study identified the need for capacity increase for the SB left turn movement (improvement #1) at this intersection. During the 2016 Pre-scoping Study; the SCF brought up the right turn congestion issue for WB Lorton Rd. County staff has been working with consultants to improve these two movements. Fairfax County does not have funding at this moment for improvement #1 (adding a third SB left turn lane). However, we will be adding an “Overlap” Right Turn movement on WB Lorton Rd. to alleviate congestion for this right turn. The timeframe for this improvement to be completed is approximately 3-4 months.”



- **Land Use**, Nick Firth, Chair –
 - McDonalds at Gunston Plaza wants to update their design.
 - New Hope Church / Silo Center Hydroponic Garden Pod needs support for their application in the next month
 - Shell Station at Gunston Cove Rd and Lorton Rd will be presenting a revised application seeking SCF recommendation for their expansion, to include a diesel refueling facility at the top of the Gunston Cove Rd hill.
 - Loisdale Road hotel site will be presenting a revised application seeking SCF recommendation

- **Public Safety**, Jonathan Kiell, Chair, had no input this month.

Environmental and Parks, Howard Bishop, Chair, was unable to attend tonight; however the Park Authority’s Kelly Davis was present to update us on the Central Green part of the new Laurel Hill Park, which is under construction on Lorton Road. *Note: Site Plans used by Ms. Davis for this briefing are attached in Paragraph 7. Anyone who needs a more granular look may contact her at Kelly.Davis@fairfaxcounty.gov* After providing a brief history of the Laurel Hill Park, Kelly detailed the following:

- Progress to Date at Laurel Hill Park “includes 9 miles of natural surface trails, a disc golf course, equestrian riding ring, and the Laurel Hill golf course.”
- Vision for the Central Green – “The Green is about 20 acres, of which we are developing 11 acres. To give you an idea of what we envision, think about Burke Lake Park’s picnic area and the Bull Run Regional Park Picnic area. Basically, this will be a ‘vast maintained law’ suitable for a wide range of community activities such as fairs, markets and special events”.



- “No athletic fields of any kind will be found in the Central Green. There are three picnic shelters now within the loop road and we will consider building a 4th depending on usage.”
 - “A one-way loop road is found within the Green with parking, a sidewalk, and asphalt trails.”
 - “Loss of 300 Parking spaces will result from the redevelopment of the Liberty Central Max site. The ARB voted against an overflow parking proposal.”
 - Timeline – “The picnic shelters should be done in October and the trails paved before December if it’s a warm winter. Otherwise, the project will be finished by March 2020.”
 - The rest of the Central Green area – “Parking will change a bit to keep it away from the Barrett House. Connecting trails are approved but still need to be funded.”
 - Q&A – In answer to a question about Phase 2, Kelly said that it will include a playground and restroom facilities. This is not yet funded, so there is not yet a timeline for Phase 2. The proposal must go to the ARB, and will likely see a rise in the price.
 - Dale Rumberger asks that Kelly (and Linwood) try to define the funding for the additional phases.
 - Dale Rumberger also asked Kelly if we could somehow improve communication dynamics to improve our knowledge in advance of actions.
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- **Education**, (Seeking Chair) - Karen Corbett Sanders, the Chair and Mount Vernon District representative on the Fairfax County School Board, said:
 - “School Opening was seamless except for 1 kid who forgot to get off the bus.”
 - STEAM – “There was one challenge at Holly ES regarding their STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Math) program; and which we thought might result in deleting the program, but fortunately this will not happen.”



- “School Boundary Policy - has not been updated since 1985. We have no intention of changing boundaries but we need to be more strategic in how we address the issues to prevent overcrowding. For instance, there are 754 trailers currently in use in our system. This is huge, as it affects 23,000 kids! And there is a renovation queue, with many schools exceeding a 20 to 25-year cycle.”
- Teacher Salaries – “Two years ago we had 257 teaching vacancies. After a major effort to make our salaries more competitive, last year we were down to double digits. Now, we are investing in the pay scales of our Instructional Assistants.”
- Students with behavioral issues – “We are working to update our approach for kids with challenging behaviors.”

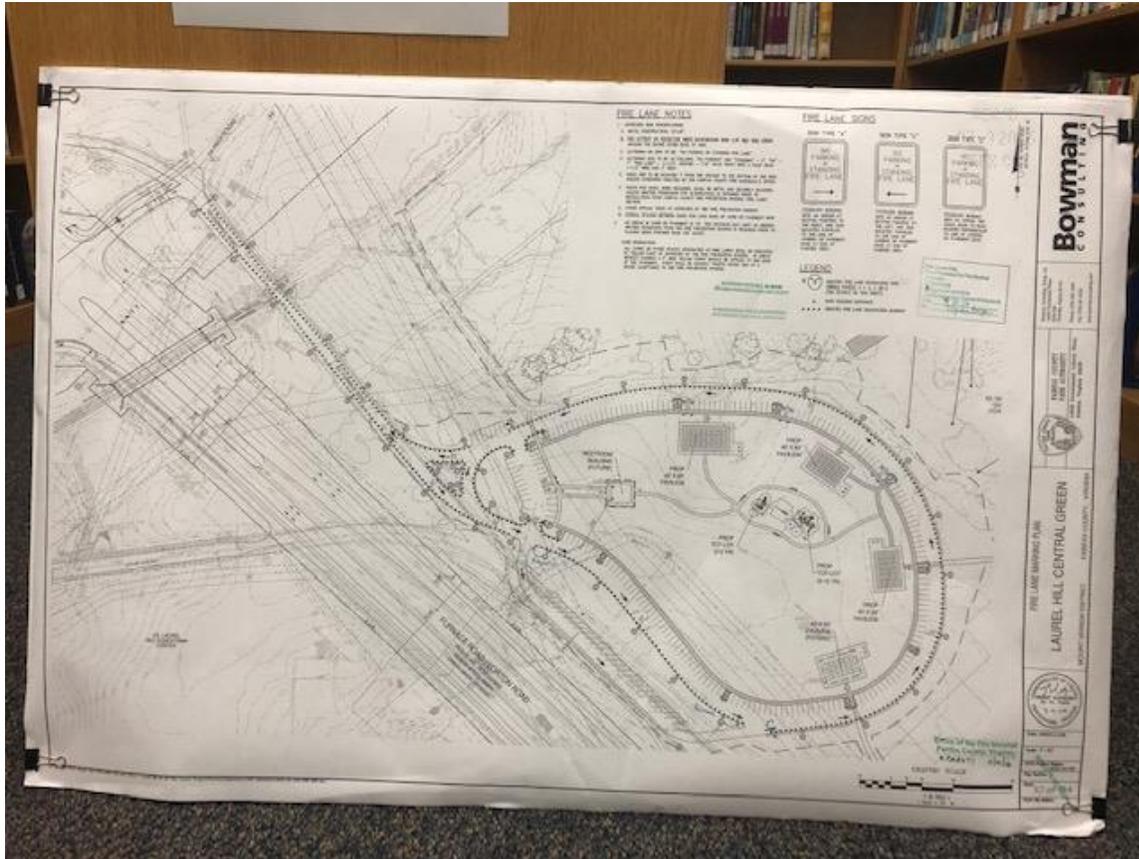
5. Old Business: None

6. New Business –

Gerry W. Hyland Building Dedication – Dale Rumberger announced that on Sept 20th from 1 to 4PM, there will be the naming and dedication of the Gerry W. Hyland Building at the former South County Government Center, 8350 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA. This will be a community celebration to honor Mr. Hyland for his years of leadership and public service.

7. Attachments 1 & 2 (Design Development Plan and Marking Plan for Laurel Hill Central Green)





Dale Rumberger adjourned the meeting at 9:45 pm

NEXT MEETING: October 8, 2019 in the multi media room

FUTURE MEETING DATES:
November 12th, December 10th (Workhouse Arts Center).